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ANNOTATED PROVISIONAL AGENDA

Item 1. *Opening of the session*

1. The seventeenth session of the Governing Council will be opened by the President of the Council at its sixteenth session or, in his absence, by one of the other officers of the Council at its sixteenth session.

Item 2. *Organization of the session*

(a) *Election of officers*

2. The Governing Council elects its officers at the beginning of each regular session, in accordance with rule 18 of the Council's rules of procedure, which provides *inter alia* that, in so doing, the Council shall have due regard to the principle of equitable geographical representation and that the offices of the President and the Rapporteur shall be subject to rotation among the five regional groups of States.[1]

3. By its decision 15/1, II, paragraph 2 (a) the Council decided to establish two sessional committees, one committee on the Programme and one on the Fund and administrative questions. The committees will elect their own officers, in accordance with rule 61 of the rules of procedure, with the exception of the chairperson. In the past, the Council has designated the chairperson of its sessional committees from the vice-presidents of the Council. The Council may, therefore, wish to consider designating, from the three vice-presidents of the session, one to serve as chairperson of the Committee on the Programme, one to serve as chairperson of the Committee on Fund and administrative questions and one to assist the President of the session in carrying out his duties.

(b) *Agenda and organization of the work of the session*

4. The provisional agenda for the seventeenth session, as approved by the Council at its sixteenth session, was distributed on 16 November 1992 as document UNEP/GC.17/1.

5. The Executive Director recommends that the Council deal with the following items of the provisional agenda primarily in plenary meetings: item 1 (Opening of the session); item 2 (Organization of the session); item 3 (Credentials of representatives); item 4 (Policy issues); item 5 (State of the environment); item 6 (Coordination); item 9 (Provisional agenda, date and place of the eighteenth session of the Council); item 10 (Other business); item 11 (Adoption of the report); and item 12 (Closure of the session).

6. The Executive Director proposes that the committee for Programme matters, established in accordance with paragraph 3 above, deal primarily with item 7 of the provisional agenda (Programme matters, including the implementation of the Plan of Action to Combat Desertification). Further, in line with the

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[1] The geographical composition of the Bureau is to be found in annex II to the present document.

recommendation made at the pre-sessional informal consultations with Governments in January 1979 to the effect that some additional items or special items could be allocated to sessional committees, the Executive Director proposes that the Council consider also assigning to the Programme committee that part of item 6 (a) of the provisional agenda (Coordination within the United Nations system) which covers the joint report of the Executive Directors of UNEP and the United Nations Centre for Human Settlements (UNCHS) (Habitat), which the Council may wish to consider when it reviews the activities of the Programme on health and human settlements, and those parts of the reports of the Administrative Committee on Coordination [2] dealing with the coordination and follow up of the implementation of the Plan of Action to Combat Desertification when the Council reviews the activities of the Programme on arid and semi-arid lands ecosystems and desertification control. The second sessional committee would deal exclusively with item 8 (The Environment Fund, other financial matters and administration).

7. The organization of work of the seventeenth session, as proposed by the Executive Director, is contained in annex I to the present document. The Executive Director is suggesting that immediately after the formal opening of the plenary session on the morning of Monday, 10 May, the Council should devote the rest of that morning and the remainder of the week to committee work, with the Programme Committee and the Committee for Fund and administrative questions meeting simultaneously, morning and afternoon to complete their work by Friday afternoon, 14 May.

8. On Monday morning, 17 May, plenary will reconvene, at the ministerial or equivalent level, in keeping with Council decision 15/1, II, paragraph 2 (b), to discuss major policy issues. After the policy address of the Executive Director, the Council will hear a statement from the Under-Secretary-General for Policy Coordination and Sustainable Development, who is in charge of follow-up to the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development (UNCED). The Executive Director is suggesting that the remainder of that meeting, as well as the next four meetings, be devoted to a discussion of the policy issues raised under item 4. After the conclusion of deliberations on item 4 on Wednesday morning, 19 May, the Council would devote its Wednesday afternoon meeting to item 5 (State of the environment). On Thursday morning, the Council would consider item 6 (Coordination) and, time permitting, items 3 (Credentials of representatives), 9 (Provisional agenda, date and place of the eighteenth session of the Council) and 10 (Other business). Thursday afternoon, 20 May, the Council would consider and adopt the draft decisions proposed by its sessional committees.

9. On Friday, 21 May, the Council would conclude its work by adopting policy decisions emanating from plenary and then proceed to the adoption of its report and the closure of the session.

10. Annex III to the present document contains a list of the relevant documents submitted under each item of the provisional agenda and the Executive Director's proposals as to the forum in which they should be discussed.

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[2] The reports of the Administrative Committee on Coordination to the Council at its seventeenth session are to be found in documents UNEP/GC.17/11 and UNEP/GC.17/12.

DOCUMENTATION

UNEP/GC.17/1	-	Provisional agenda
UNEP/GC.17/1/Add.1	-	Annotated provisional agenda and organization of work
UNEP/GC.17/Inf.1	-	Report on the state of preparedness of documents for the seventeenth session

Item 3. *Credentials of representatives*

11. In accordance with rule 17 of the rules of procedure, the credentials of representatives at the seventeenth session of the Council will be examined by the Bureau, which will report thereon to the Council. It should be noted that, under rule 16, each member of the Council is to be represented by one accredited representative, who may be accompanied by such alternate representatives and advisers as may be required.

Item 4. *Policy issues*

12. The Council will hold a general discussion on the various policy issues raised in the documentation for this item. The Council may wish to reflect the outcome of its deliberations in one or more policy decisions. The Council will have before it suggested action on these policy issues.

Background

13. As a basis for its discussion, the Council will have before it the report of the Executive Director on General Policy Issues (UNEP/GC.17/28) which sets out the main issues which the Executive Director finds of paramount importance to the Council.

14. In addition, the General Assembly in its resolution 47/191, adopted on 22 December 1992, requested the Council to provide a report on its plans for the implementation of Agenda 21 to the General Assembly at its forty-eighth session, through the Commission on Sustainable Development and the Economic and Social Council. To that effect, the Executive Director has prepared a background document (UNEP/GC.17/27) emphasizing issues which the Council may wish to include in its report. The Council will also consider a short report on further follow-up to resolutions passed by the General Assembly at its forty-seventh session (UNEP/GC.17/20).

15. Finally, the Council will have before it the executive summaries of the Annual Report of the Executive Director for 1991 (UNEP/GC.17/2) and for 1992 (UNEP/GC.17/22). The Executive Summaries are submitted to the Council in accordance with paragraph 1 (c) of decision 16/5 on rationalization of Governing Council documents.

DOCUMENTATION	
UNEP/GC.17/28	- General Policy Issues - Report by the Executive Director
UNEP/GC.17/27	- Implementation of the environmental aspects of Agenda 21
UNEP/GC.17/20	- Report on further follow-up to GA 47
UNEP/GC.17/2	- Executive summary of the Annual Report of the Executive Director 1991
UNEP/GC.17/22	- Executive summary of the Annual Report of the Executive Director 1992

Item 5. *State of the environment*

16. In accordance with decision 16/5, paragraph 1 (c) the Council will consider the brief executive summaries of the Executive Director's 1992 and 1993 state-of-the-environment reports (UNEP/GC.17/15 and UNEP/GC.17/9, respectively), as well as the report on emerging environmental issues (UNEP/GC.17/18). The Council will also have before it as information documents a report on hazardous environmental events (UNEP/GC.17/Inf.8), a report on the implementation of decision 16/15 A on the 1990 State-of-the-environment report - Children and the environment (UNEP/GC.17/Inf.7), an updated scientific report on the environmental effects of the Iraq/Kuwait conflict (UNEP/GC.17/Inf.9) and a short report by the Executive Director on future state-of-the-environment reports (UNEP/GC.17/Inf.11).

Background

17. In its decision 13/9 D of 24 May 1985, the Council decided, *inter alia*, that future state-of-the-environment reports should alternate in successive years between a report on economic and social aspects of the environment and a report on environmental data and assessment. Consequently, and in compliance with paragraph 3 of decision 16/15 C of 31 May 1991, the Executive Director has prepared the 1992 state-of-the-environment report on the subject of poverty and the environment. The 1993 report is a comprehensive state-of-the-environment report, as requested by the Council in its decision 15/13 A, paragraph 7 (c). Executive summaries have been prepared for both reports in compliance with Council decision 16/5, paragraph 1 (a). As decided by the Council in its decision 16/15 paragraph 3, the Executive Director's report on emerging environmental issues contains a detailed examination of the following issues: reuse of waste water, volatile organic compounds in air, and tropospheric ozone as well as a brief update of the issues dealt with in his 1991 report.

DOCUMENTATION		
UNEP/GC.17/15	-	Executive summary of the State-of-the-environment report 1992 - Poverty and the environment
UNEP/GC.17/9	-	Executive summary of the comprehensive state-of-the-environment report 1993
UNEP/GC.17/18	-	Emerging environmental issues
UNEP/GC.17/Inf.8	-	Hazardous environmental events
UNEP/GC.17/Inf.7	-	Implementation of decision 16/15 A on the 1990 State-of-the-environment report - Children and the environment
UNEP/GC.17/Inf.9	-	Updated scientific report on the environmental effects of the Iraq/Kuwait conflict
UNEP/GC.17/Inf.11	-	Future state-of-the-environment reports

Item 6(a). *Coordination within the United Nations system*

18. Under this item the Council will consider, in particular, the Joint Progress Report of the Executive Directors of UNEP and the UNCHS (Habitat) (UNEP/GC.17/4) on the cooperation between the two agencies since the sixteenth session of the Council. It is proposed that this item be dealt with by the Programme Committee when it considers that part of the Programme related to human settlements. In addition, the Council will consider two reports of the Administrative Committee on Coordination (ACC). The first report (UNEP/GC.17/11) was adopted on 24 October 1991 and the second (UNEP/GC.17/12) on 21 October 1992. Both reports are divided into two parts, the first dealing with general coordination matters of interest to the Council, and the second with the coordination and follow-up of the implementation of the Plan of Action to Combat Desertification. It is proposed that part II of the two reports (dealing with the Plan of Action to Combat Desertification) be dealt with by the Programme Committee when the Committee takes up the part of the programme related to arid and semi-arid lands. The Council will also have before it two short addenda to the 1992 ACC report, one on arrangements for system-wide cooperation and coordination in the field of the environment (UNEP/GC.17/12/Add.1) and the other providing the guidance of the Governing Council on future ACC reports (UNEP/GC.17/12/Add.2). Last, by way of information, the Council has eight Memoranda of Understanding concluded between UNEP and other agencies of the United Nations system subsequent to the sixteenth session of the Governing Council (UNEP/GC.17/Inf.2).

Background

19. It is the Executive Director's view that UNEP's coordinating role within the United Nations system, established by the General Assembly in its resolution 2997 (XXVII) of 15 December 1972, has been further emphasized by UNCED in Agenda 21 and again reconfirmed by the General Assembly when it endorsed Agenda 21 in its resolution 47/190 of 22 December 1992. This is reflected particularly in part I of the 1992 ACC report (UNEP/GC.17/12) and its addenda. As pointed out in that report, the ACC reports annually to the Council on the discharge of the responsibilities assumed by the ACC in pursuance of General Assembly resolution 32/197 of 20 December 1977 and at the

request of the Governing Council in its decisions 14/2 and 14/4 of 18 June 1987. The ACC has requested the Council to review its requirements for annual reports from the ACC in the light of the Council's deliberations on periodicity of future Council sessions. The ACC further requests the Council to provide guidance on the scope, objectives and specific use to be made of future ACC reports with a view to assist the ACC to rationalize its preparatory process and to ensure that the reports fully meet the specific priority requirements of the Governing Council. In order to assist the Council in this task, the Executive Director has prepared draft proposals for the consideration of the Council, taking into consideration that an assessment of new and existing reporting requirements relevant to Agenda 21 will be undertaken by the Inter-agency Committee on Sustainable development (IACSD). The Council will also have before it the views of the ACC on IACSD and the future role of the Designated Officials on Environmental Matters (DOEM) in the light of the new arrangements for the implementation of Agenda 21. The joint progress report of the two Executive Directors of UNEP and UNCHS (Habitat) is submitted to the Council in pursuance of General Assembly resolution 40/199 of 17 December 1985, in which the two Executive Directors were requested to submit a joint progress report to each regular session of their respective governing bodies, and as requested by the Governing Council in its decision 14/3 of 18 June 1987. The report covers cooperation between UNEP and Habitat in the four subject areas established by the joint bureaux meeting at its seventeenth session, within the system-wide efforts of the United Nations, and thus outlines the future projects for cooperation.

DOCUMENTATION

UNEP/GC.17/4	-	Joint progress report of the Executive Directors of UNEP and the United Nations Centre for Human Settlements (Habitat)
UNEP/GC.17/11	-	1991 Report of the Administrative Committee on Coordination to the Governing Council at its seventeenth session (Part I)
UNEP/GC.17/12	-	1992 Report of the Administrative Committee on Coordination to the Governing Council at its seventeenth session (Part I)
UNEP/GC.17/12/Add.1	-	Arrangements for system-wide cooperation and coordination in the field of the environment
UNEP/GC.17/12/Add.2	-	Governing Council guidance on future ACC reports
UNEP/GC.17/Inf.2	-	Memoranda of Understanding concerning cooperation between UNEP and other agencies of the United Nations system

Item 7. *Programme matters, including the implementation of the Plan of Action to Combat Desertification*

20. The Council will consider the implementation by UNEP of its approved programmes for the years 1991 and 1992. It will also be called upon to examine and approve a Proposed Programme of Fund Activities for 1994-1995 (UNEP/GC.17/7). Further, the Council will be seized with a number of programme matters on which policy guidance is required of the Council (UNEP/GC.17/5 and addenda).

21. The Council will have before it a report on the conventions and protocols in the field of the environment (UNEP/GC.17/10) and an updated list of environmentally harmful chemical substances, processes and phenomena of global significance, with a review of the use of the list (UNEP/GC.17/24). Additionally, the Executive Director is submitting to the Council a report on the implementation of the system-wide medium-term environment programme (SWMTEP), 1990-1995, including a mid-term review of SWMTEP (UNEP/GC.17/6) as well as an evaluation of the activities of the United Nations Centre for Urgent Environmental Assistance (UNEP/GC.17/29). The Council is also expected to consider a single consolidated report on the implementation of the Plan of Action to Combat Desertification which covers the implementation of the Plan in 1991 and 1992 as well as a description of the implementation of the Plan in the Sudano-Sahelian region over the same period (UNEP/GC.17/14). A short report is submitted on proposed follow-up to the eighth meeting of the environment ministers of the Latin American and Caribbean region (UNEP/GC.17/25).

22. Finally, the Executive Director is submitting a number of information documents to the Council on various programme matters, namely: implementation of Council decision 16/10 on Chernobyl (UNEP/GC.17/Inf.5); a report on the progress of work of three new Programme Activity Centres (UNEP/GC.17/Inf.6); a report on strategies for the protection and development of the oceans and coastal areas (UNEP/GC.17/Inf.4); a report on the World Environment Academy (UNEP/GC.17/Inf.10); a progress report on the implementation of decision 16/13 on the environmental situation in the occupied Palestinian and other Arab territories (UNEP/GC.17/Inf.12); and a document on Planning and Budgeting Terms (UNEP/GC.17/Inf.3).

Background

23. By paragraph 17 of its decision 16/44 of 31 May 1991, the Governing Council requested the Executive Director to draw up a programme for Fund activities in 1994-1995 with a core programme of approximately $160 million and a supplementary programme of $40 million. In compliance with this decision, the Executive Director is submitting the proposed programme of Fund activities of UNEP for the biennium 1994-1995.

24. A number of decisions taken by the Governing Council at its sixteenth session relating to specific programme areas called for reports on those subjects to be submitted to the Council at its next (seventeenth) regular session. Major programme matters on which the Executive Director needs the policy guidance of the Council are presented to the Council for consideration in document UNEP/GC.17/5 and addenda.

25. In pursuance of General Assembly resolution 3436 (XXX) of 9 December 1975, the Executive Director is submitting a report on developments in respect of conventions and protocols in the field of the environment up to end of June 1992.

26. In its resolution 35/73 of 5 December 1980, the General Assembly requested the Governing Council "to continue to report every other year to the General Assembly, through the Economic and Social Council, on the overall implementation of the Plan of Action to Combat Desertification." Likewise, in its resolution 39/168 B of 17 December 1984, the Assembly requested the Governing Council "to make the necessary arrangements at each session for

submitting a report to the General Assembly, through the Economic and Social Council, on the implementation in the Sudano-Sahelian region of the Plan of Action to Combat Desertification." The two reports are being submitted to the Council in a single document for consideration and adoption (UNEP/GC.17/14).

27. In its decision 16/31, paragraph 2 (c), the Council requested the Executive Director to review the use of the list of selected environmentally harmful chemical substances and to submit the results to the Council in 1993 and also to submit proposals for a possible update of the list in the light of the review (para. 2 (d)). The list, the results of the review and the proposals of an update are contained in document UNEP/GC.17/24.

28. The Executive Director is also submitting a short report on the outcome of the eighth meeting of Environment Ministers from the Latin American and Caribbean group and its recommendations for consideration and possible endorsement by the Council (UNEP/GC.17/25). Further, in accordance with paragraph 411 of SWMTEP, adopted by the Council in decision SS.I/3 of March 1988, the Council will have before it the mid-term review of SWMTEP and the Executive Director's proposals for the future compilation of system-wide activities in the field of the environment (UNEP/GC.17/6). As requested by the Council in its decision 16/9, the Executive Director has prepared an evaluation of the activities of the United Nations Centre for Urgent Environmental Assistance (UNEP/GC.17/29), which also contains recommendations for the future of the Centre.

DOCUMENTATION

UNEP/GC.17/7	-	Proposed Programme of Fund Activities for the biennium 1994-1995
UNEP/GC.17/5 and addenda	-	Programme matters requiring policy guidance from the Council
UNEP/GC.17/14	-	Implementation of the Plan of Action to Combat Desertification 1991-1992
UNEP/GC.17/11	-	1991 Report of the Administrative Committee on Coordination to the Governing Council at its seventeenth session, Part II
UNEP/GC.17/12	-	1992 Report of the Administrative Committee on coordination to the Governing Council at its seventeenth session, Part II
UNEP/GC.17/10	-	International conventions and protocols in the field of the environment
UNEP/GC.17/6	-	Implementation and mid-term review of SWMTEP, 1990-1995
UNEP/GC.17/24	-	Updated list of selected environmentally harmful chemical substances, processes and phenomena of global significance
UNEP/GC.17/29	-	Evaluation of activities of the United Nations Centre for Urgent Environmental Assistance
UNEP/GC.17/25	-	Follow-up to the eighth meeting of the environment Ministers in the Latin American and Caribbean region
UNEP/GC.17/Inf.5	-	Implementation of GC decision 16/10 on Chernobyl
UNEP/GC.17/Inf.6	-	Report on progress of work of three new Programme Activity Centres
UNEP/GC.17/Inf.4	-	Report on strategies for the protection and development of the oceans and coastal areas
UNEP/GC.17/Inf.10	-	World Environment Academy
UNEP/GC.17/Inf.12	-	Progress report on implementation of decision 16/13 on the environmental situation in the occupied Palestinian and other Arab territories
UNEP/GC.17/Inf.3	-	Planning and budgeting terms

Item 8. *The Environment Fund, other financial matters and administration*

29. The Council will review, on the basis of one comprehensive document (UNEP/GC.17/16), the use of resources of the Environment Fund during 1992 and 1993 and proposals for the utilization of projected resources of the Fund in two biennia, 1994-1995 and 1996-1997. An addendum will be issued just before the session to update the information on the use of resources in 1992 and the outlook for 1993. After assessing the possible level of contributions to the Environment Fund that might be paid by Governments during the biennium 1994-1995, the Council will be asked to decide on the level of the programme for Fund activities for that biennium and approve an appropriation for Fund programme activities in 1994-1995, together with the apportionment of that

appropriation to different programme areas. The Council will also be asked to approve the appropriation for the Fund programme reserve in 1994-1995 and give guidance to the Executive Director on the level of programme which should be presented to the Council at its eighteenth session for the biennium 1996-1997.

30. The Council will consider a comprehensive report on Programme and Programme Support Costs (UNEP/GC.17/17). The first section of the report describes the performance for the biennium 1992-1993 and the second section contains the proposed programme and programme support costs budget for 1994-1995. This comprehensive report will be supplemented by a report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (ACABQ) or the performance report and on the proposed programme and programme support cost budget (UNEP/GC.17/L.1). The Council will also have before it the financial report and audited accounts for the biennium 1990-1991 (UNEP/GC.17/13) and a report on the management by UNEP of trust funds and counterpart contributions (UNEP/GC.17/19).

31. Another issue to be considered by the Council is the second phase of the Management and organization study of UNEP, of which a summary will be submitted to the Council (UNEP/GC.17/26) with proposals by the Committee of Permanent Representatives for enhancing the effectiveness and efficiency of UNEP in fulfilling its mandate (UNEP/GC.17/26/Add.1) and the views of the UNEP management on the study itself (UNEP/GC,17/26/Add.2).

32. In addition, the Council will have before it a report on improvement of facilities at the United Nations Office at Nairobi (UNEP/GC.17/21); a report on provision of on-site interpretation facilities at Gigiri (UNEP/GC.17/3); a report on periodicity and duration of Governing Council Sessions (UNEP/GC.17/8); a report on provision of language facilities for the Committee of Permanent Representatives (UNEP/GC.17/17/Add.1); and a report on UNEP's participation in the Global Environment Facility (GEF) (UNEP/GC.17/23).

Background

33. In accordance with article XIV of the General Procedures Governing the Operations of the Fund of UNEP, the Executive Director is required to submit reports to the Governing Council "in accordance with his accountability for the implementation of the Fund programme in all its aspects and with emphasis on the concept of performance reporting". Furthermore, rule 210.3 of the Financial Rules of the Fund of UNEP requires the Executive Director to submit his proposed budget to cover the anticipated programme and programme support costs "to the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions for examination and comments. Subsequently, the budget estimates and the comments of the Advisory Committee shall be submitted to the Governing Council." For ease of reference these two related matters are being reported on in one document, (UNEP/GC.17/17). The report of the Advisory Committee on both subjects is also submitted to the Council in one report (UNEP/GC.17/L.1).

34. In accordance with rule 213.3 of the Financial Rules of UNEP, the financial report and accounts for the biennium 1990-1991 ended 31 December 1991 were transmitted to the Chairman of the Board of Auditors. The report was subsequently examined by the Board of Auditors and submitted to the General Assembly at its forty-seventh session. Consequently, the Council has before it a note by the Executive Director on the audit opinion and report of the Board of Auditors as well as on the observations and comments of ACABQ on the financial report and audited accounts (UNEP/GC.17/13).

35. By decision 16/46, paragraph 14, the Governing Council requested the Executive Director to evaluate the consequences for the operation of the Programme of the proliferation of trust funds administered by UNEP and to produce options for reducing the number of such funds and report to the Council at its seventeenth session. An account of the efforts of the Executive Director in this respect is included in the report on management of trust funds and counterpart funds (UNEP/GC.17/19).

36. In its decision 16/6 the Governing Council invited the Executive Director to engage an internationally recognized consultancy firm to assess the management and organization of UNEP and to make the results available to Governments before 1 February 1992 (paragraph 2). It further decided that, in the light of the conclusions of UNCED, the Executive Director should commission a second-phase study to be submitted to the Council at its seventeenth session. The summary of the second-phase study is before the Council in document UNEP/GC.17/26. The Executive Director is also submitting two addenda to that document. One gives the proposals of the Committee of Permanent Representatives for enhancing the effectiveness and efficiency of UNEP in fulfilling its mandate, in accordance with the results of UNCED and the decisions taken by the General Assembly at its forty-seventh session, also taking into account relevant reports, especially the first-and second-phase studies of the Management and Organization of UNEP (UNEP/GC.17/26/Add.1). The second provides the views of UNEP's management on the second-phase study (UNEP/GC.17/26/Add.2).

37. The Council, in decision 16/1, paragraph 6, requested the Executive Director *inter alia*, to continue negotiations with the host Government with a view to improving the facilities available at the headquarters Office in Nairobi, including external communication services. In decision 16/5, paragraph 3, the Council also requested the Executive Director to investigate the possibility of making official documents of the Governing Council available via electronic data networks. The report on these two related issues is contained in document UNEP/GC.17/21. A separate report (UNEP/GC.17/3) is submitted to the Council on the question of on-site interpretation, in response to the Council's request in decision 16/1 that the Executive Director examine the possibility of this service. The Executive Director is also submitting a report on the issue of provision of language facilities to the Committee of Permanent Representatives in pursuance of Council decisions 13/2, in which it decided to establish the Committee of Permanent Representatives as a subsidiary body, and 15/12 by which it recognized the requirements for full language services for meetings of the Committee of Permanent Representatives. Pursuant to decision 16/4, in which the Council requested the Executive Director to bring proposals on the organization of the plenary meetings of the Governing Council to its attention at its seventeenth session, the Executive Director submits these proposals in document UNEP/GC.17/8.

38. Finally the Executive Director submits to the Council a report on UNEP's participation in the Global Environment Facility (GEF) which, in accordance with paragraph 9 of decision 16/47, should have been included in the Annual Report of the Executive Director. However, since the Annual Report for 1992 is a historical account of UNEP's development since its inception in 1972, the Executive Director has found it more appropriate to submit a separate report on the issue to the Council (UNEP/GC.17/23).

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DOCUMENTATION

UNEP/GC.17/17	-	Report on Programme and Programme support Costs
UNEP/GC.17/17/Add.1	-	Provision of language facilities to the Committee of Permanent Representatives
UNEP/GC.17/16	-	The Environment Fund - The use of resources in 1992-1993 and the proposed use of projected resources in 1994-1995 and 1996-1997
UNEP/GC.17/16/Add.1	-	The Environment Fund - The use of resources in 1992-1993 and the proposed use of projected resources in 1994-1995 and 1996-1997 (developments from 1 January - 30 April 1993)
UNEP/GC.17/L.1	-	Report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions on the Programme and Programme Support Costs performance report and budget
UNEP/GC.17/13	-	Administrative and Budgetary matters - Environment Fund: financial report and audited accounts for the biennium 1990-1991 ended 31 December 1991
UNEP/GC.17/19	-	Management of trust funds and counterpart funds
UNEP/GC.17/26	-	Summary of the second-phase study of management and organization of UNEP
UNEP/GC.17/26/Add.1	-	Proposals to enhance the effectiveness and efficiency of UNEP in fulfilling its mandate
UNEP/GC.17/26/Add.2	-	Views of UNEP management on the second phase of the management and organization study
UNEP/GC.17/21	-	Improvement of facilities at the United Nations Office at Nairobi
UNEP/GC.17/3	-	Provision of on-site interpretation facilities at Gigiri
UNEP/GC.17/8	-	Periodicity and duration of Governing Council sessions
UNEP/GC.17/23	-	UNEP's participation in the Global Environment Facility

Item 9. *Provisional agenda, date and place of the eighteenth regular and the fourth special sessions of the Council*

39. Rule 4 of the rules of procedure of the Governing Council provides that regular sessions of the Council shall be held at UNEP headquarters, unless otherwise decided by the Council at a previous session. The Executive Director will propose a provisional agenda and dates (8 to 19 May 1995) for the eighteenth session of the Council. The Executive Director will also propose a provisional agenda and dates for the special session to be convened in 1994, in accordance with General Assembly resolution 42/185, paragraph 2, of 11 December 1987.

Annex I

PROVISIONAL TIMETABLE OF MEETINGS FOR THE SEVENTEENTH SESSION OF THE UNEP GOVERNING COUNCIL

PLENARY

MONDAY, 10 MAY

10 a.m.
Item 1: Opening of the session *Item 2(a):* Election of officers *Item 2(b):* Adoption of the agenda and organization of the work of the session

PROGRAMME COMMITTEE	FUND COMMITTEE
11:30 a.m.	11.30 a.m.
Item 7: Programme matters, including the implementation of the Plan of Action to Combat Desertification	*Item 8:* The Environment Fund, other financial matters and administration

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Item 6(a): Coordination within the United Nations system

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TUESDAY 11, MAY	
10 a.m. *Item 7:* Programme matters, including the implementation of the Plan of Action to Combat Desertification	10 a.m. *Item 8:* The Environment Fund, other financial matters and administration
3 p.m. *Item 7:* Programme matters, including the implementation of the Plan of Action to Combat Desertification	3 p.m. *Item 8:* The Environment Fund, other financial matters and administration
WEDNESDAY, 12 MAY	
10 a.m. *Item 7:* Programme matters, including the implementation of the Plan of Action to Combat Desertification	10 a.m. *Item 8:* The Environment Fund, other financial matters and administration
3 p.m. *Item 7:* Programme matters, including the implementation of the Plan of Action to Combat Desertification	3 p.m. *Item 8:* The Environment Fund, other financial matters and administration

PROGRAMME COMMITTEE	FUND COMMITTEE
THURSDAY, 13 MAY	
10 a.m. *Item 7:* Programme matters, including the implementation of the Plan of Action to Combat Desertification	10 a.m. *Item 8:* The Environment Fund, other financial matters and administration
3 p.m. *Item 7:* Programme matters, including the implementation of the Plan of Action to Combat Desertification	3 p.m. *Item 8:* The Environment Fund, other financial matters and administration
FRIDAY, 14 MAY	
10 a.m. *Item 7:* Programme matters, including the implementation of the Plan of Action to Combat Desertification	10 a.m. *Item 8:* The Environment Fund, other financial matters and administration
3 p.m. *Item 7:* Programme matters, including the implementation of the Plan of Action to Combat Desertification	3 p.m. *Item 8:* The Environment Fund, other financial matters and administration

MONDAY, 17 MAY

10 a.m.
Item 4: General policy issues and follow-up to UNCED and GA 47

3 p.m.
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TUESDAY, 18 MAY

10 a.m.
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WEDNESDAY, 19 MAY

10 a.m.
Item 4: General policy issues and follow-up to UNCED and GA 47

3 p.m.
Item 5: State of the environment

THURSDAY, 20 MAY

10 a.m.	
Item 5:	State of the environment
Item 6:	Coordination
Item 3:	Credentials of representatives
Item 9:	Provisional agenda, date and place of the eighteenth session of the Council
Item 10:	Other business
Item 7:	Programme matters, including the implementation of the Plan of Action to Combat Desertification
Item 8:	The Environment fund, other financial matters and administration

3 p.m.	
Item 7:	Programme matters, including the implementation of the Plan of Action to Combat Desertification
Item 8:	The Environment Fund, other financial matters and administration

FRIDAY, 21 MAY

10 a.m.	
Item 11:	Adoption of the report

3 p.m.	
Item 11:	Adoption of the report
Item 12:	Closure of session

Annex II

GEOGRAPHICAL COMPOSITION OF THE BUREAU OF THE UNEP GOVERNING COUNCIL

	1980	1981	1982	1983	1984	1985	1987	1989	1991	1993
REGIONAL GROUP										
AFRICAN GROUP	VP	VP	VP	Rapp	Pres	VP	VP	VP	Rapp	Pres
ASIAN GROUP	Pres	VP	Rapp	VP	VP	Pres	VP	Rapp	VP	VP
EASTERN EUROPEAN GROUP	VP	VP	Pres	VP	Rapp	VP	VP	Pres	VP	Rapp
LATIN AMERICAN AND THE CARIBBEAN GROUP	Rapp	Pres	VP	VP	VP	Rapp	Pres	VP	VP	VP
WESTERN EUROPEAN AND OTHERS GROUP	VP	Rapp	VP	Pres	VP	VP	Rapp	VP	Pres	VP

Note: Pres - President
VP - Vice-President
Rapp - Rapporteur

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Annex III

DOCUMENTATION FOR AND FORUM FOR DISCUSSION AT THE SEVENTEENTH SESSION OF THE GOVERNING COUNCIL

(Listed by forum for discussion)

DOCUMENTS FOR DISCUSSION IN PLENARY

Provisional agenda item	*Working title*
1. *Opening of the session*	
2. *Organization of the session*	
(a) *Election of officers*	
UNEP/GC.17/1/Add.1 Annex II	Annotated provisional agenda- Geographical composition of the UNEP Governing Council Bureau
(b) *Adoption of the agenda and organization of the work of the session*	
UNEP/GC.17/1	Provisional agenda
UNEP/GC.17/1/Add.1	Annotated provisional agenda
UNEP/GC.17/Inf.1	Report of the state of preparedness of documents for the seventeenth session
3. *Credentials of representatives*	
4. *Policy issues*	
UNEP/GC.17/2	Executive summary of the Annual Report of the Executive Director 1991
UNEP/GC.17/22	Executive summary of the Annual Report of the Executive Director 1992
UNEP/GC.17/28	General policy issues - report of the Executive Director
UNEP/GC.17/27	Implementation of the environmental aspects of Agenda 21
UNEP/GC.17/20	Report on further follow-up to the forty-seventh session of the General Assembly

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5. *State of the environment*

UNEP/GC.17/15	Executive summary of the state-of-the-environment report 1992 - Poverty and the environment
UNEP/GC.17/9	Executive summary of the comprehensive state-of-the-environment report 1993
UNEP/GC.17/18	Emerging environmental issues
UNEP/GC.17/Inf.8	Hazardous environmental events
UNEP/GC.17/Inf.7	Implementation of decision 16/15A on the 1990 state-of-the-environment report - Children and the environment
UNEP/GC.17/Inf.9	Updated scientific report on the environmental effects of the Iraq/Kuwait conflict
UNEP/GC.17/Inf.11	Future state-of-the-environment reports

6. *Coordination*

UNEP/GC.17/11	1991 Report of the Administrative Committee on Coordination to the Governing Council at its seventeenth session (Part I)
UNEP/GC.17/12	1992 Report of the Administrative Committee on Coordination to the Governing Council at its seventeenth session (Part I)
UNEP/GC.17/12/Add.1	Arrangements for system-wide cooperation and coordination in the field of the environment
UNEP/GC.17/12/Add.2	Governing Council policy guidance on future ACC reports
UNEP/GC.17/Inf.2	Memorandum of Understanding concerning cooperation between UNEP and other agencies of the United Nations system

9. ***Provisional agenda, date and place of the eighteenth regular and the fourth special session of the Council***

10. ***Other business***

11. ***Adoption of the report***

12. ***Closure of the session***

DOCUMENTS FOR DISCUSSION IN THE PROGRAMME COMMITTEE

Provisional agenda item	*Working title*
6. *Coordination questions*	
(a) *Coordination within the United Nations Systems*	
UNEP/GC.17/4	Joint progress report of the Executive Directors of UNEP and the United Nations Centre for Human Settlements (Habitat)
UNEP/GC.17/11	1991 Report of the Administrative Committee on Coordination to the Governing Council at its seventeenth session (Part II)
UNEP/GC.17/12	1992 Report of the Administrative Committee on Coordination to the Governing Council at its seventeenth session (Part II)
(b) *Other coordination*	
7. *Programme matters, including the implementation of the Plan of Action to Combat Desertification*	
UNEP/GC.17/7	Proposed Programme of Fund Activities for the biennium 1994-1995
UNEP/GC.17/5	Programme matters requiring policy guidance from the Council
UNEP/GC.17/5/Add.1	Climate report on WCIRP and IPCC
UNEP/GC.17/5/Add.2	Assessment-related matters
UNEP/GC.17/5/Add.3	Marine pollution and technology issues
UNEP/GC.17/5/Add.4	Further conservation issues
UNEP/GC.17/14	Implementation of the Plan of Action to Combat Desertification 1991-1992
UNEP/GC.17/10	International conventions and protocols in the field of the environment
UNEP/GC.17/6	Implementation and mid-term review of SWMTEP, 1990-1995

UNEP/GC.17/24	Updated list of selected environmentally harmful chemical substances, processes and phenomena of global significance
UNEP/GC.17/29	Evaluation of activities of the United Nations Centre for Urgent Environmental Assistance
UNEP/GC.17/25	Follow-up to the eighth meeting of the Environment Ministers in the Latin American and Caribbean region
UNEP/GC.17/Inf.5	Implementation of Governing Council decision 16/10 on Chernobyl
UNEP/GC.17/Inf.6	Report on progress of work of three new Programme Activity Centres
UNEP/GC.17/Inf.4	Report on strategies for the protection and development of the oceans and coastal areas
UNEP/GC.17/Inf.10	World Environment Academy
UNEP/GC.17/Inf.12	Progress report on implementation of decision 16/13 on the environmental situation in the occupied Palestinian and other Arab territories
UNEP/GC.17/Inf.3	Planning and budgeting terms

DOCUMENTS FOR DISCUSSION IN THE FUND COMMITTEE

B. *The Environment Fund, other financial matters and administration*

UNEP/GC.17/17	Report on Programme and Programme Support Costs
UNEP/GC.17/17/Add.1	Provision of language facilities to the Committee of Permanent Representatives
UNEP/GC.17/L.1	Report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions on the Programme and Programme Support Costs performance report and budget
UNEP/GC.17/16	The Environment Fund - The use of resources in 1992-1993 and the proposed use of projected resources in 1994-1995 and 1996-1997
UNEP/GC.17/16/Add.1	The Environment Fund - The use of resources in 1992-1993 and the proposed use of projected resources in 1994-1995 and 1996-1997 (developments from 1 January - 30 April 1993)
UNEP/GC.17/13	Administrative and Budgetary matters - Environment Fund: financial report and audited accounts for the biennium 1990-1991 ended 31 December 1991
UNEP/GC.17/19	Management of trust funds and counterpart funds
UNEP/GC.17/26	Summary of second-phase study of management and organization of UNEP
UNEP/GC.17/26/Add.1	Proposals to enhance the effectiveness and efficiency of UNEP in fulfilling its mandate
UNEP/GC.17/26/Add.2	Views of UNEP management on second-phase study
UNEP/GC.17/21	Improvement of facilities at the United Nations Office at Nairobi
UNEP/GC.17/3	Provision of on-site interpretation facilities at Gigiri
UNEP/GC.17/8	Periodicity and duration of Governing Council sessions
UNEP/GC.17/23	UNEP's participation in the Global Environment Facility

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